

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Janet D. Hood on April 21, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 28. A method for checking the transmission quality between a first gateway and a second gateway in a packet network which is effectively connected to at least one packet-based switching system, the method comprising:

performing first method steps, comprising:

setting up a connection between a resource server and the first gateway by the packet-based switching system, the second gateway not included in the connection;

transmitting test information via the connection to the first gateway from the resource server, the test information including test data, the test data including at least a tone, voice sample or video sample;

looping back the test information in the first gateway;
transmitting back the looped-back test data to the resource server; and

evaluating the looped-back test information with regard to criteria relating to the transmission quality;

performing second method steps, comprising:

transmitting test information from a director function arranged in a resource server via the first gateway and the second gateway to a responder function arranged in the resource server by setting up a connection between the resource server and the first gateway by the packet-based switching system, and by setting up a connection between the first gateway and the second gateway by the packet-based switching system, the first gateway not included in the connection;

transmitting the test information via the connections set up from the resource server to the first gateway, from the first gateway to the second gateway;

looping back the test information in the second gateway; and

transmitting the looped-back test information via the connections set up from the second gateway to the first gateway and then from the first gateway to the resource server, the test information including test data, the test data including at least a tone, voice sample or video sample and

evaluating the received test data with regard to criteria relating to the transmission quality; and

combining the results of the first and second method steps for checking the transmission quality on the transmission section between the first gateway and the second gateway.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tung Q. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-9737. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 7:30 am - 5 pm, off alternative Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kwang B. Yao can be reached on (571) 272-3182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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